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Anvil Herald Wishes its Readers a Happy New Year.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Jars—Holloway Bros.
Sausage Grinders—Holloway Bros.
Barrientes for fresh cranberry and grape fruits.
Winnie Barth spent the holidays with relatives and friends.
Use Goodyear tires now. City Garage.
Winchester Remington ammunition received. C. R. Gaines.
Buying, selling or trading of City Garage.
Call 199 or visit City Garage.
Bendele and family of Devine.
Fred Folk on Christmas.

Wurbach Jr. was here Thursday.
Biomedina to attend the
of furniture repairing at
Bendele's. All work done at
prices.
Wienkempff of Center Point
guest of Mrs. G. W. Monk-
day this week.

Mrs. John Heickmann and
Senior were here to spend
with Mr. and Mrs. R. E.
Gaines, distributor for Good-
and U. S. Tires and Co.
Cell Batteries. Prices
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Geese and family, and Mr. H.
Liskey, spent Xmas here
New Fountain with relatives.
A. M. Lamm united Rafael
and Miss Julia Bocanegra
wife, at the Court House,
BIL.

Banfolk, one of our Camp
is here spending the holi-
days with Mr. and Mrs.
Banfolk.

Taylor, accompanied by T. A.
both of Field Hospital No.
to spend Christmas with
his mother, Mrs. H. B. Tay-
lor.

Ruth Hensch, and Janie and
Banfolk were out from San An-
tonio with Mr. and Mrs. R. E.
Banfolk, and other relatives and

Mrs. Otto Liebold had as
guests during the holidays Mr.
G. W. Eckenroth and Mr.
Adolph Sherman, all of San

Moan, County Chairman of
Cross Society, reports the
drive for members was very
good. A full report will appear
in next issue.

Child is making her home with
Mrs. Clyde Ernest, and daddy
of her as if cotton wasn't
worth a pound and the cost of
stocking above that.

Louis Scherrer of Castroville
and Misses Cecile Steinle, Ger-
trude and Florence Scherrer at
here Thursday night. They
were accompanied by Charles de Mon-
te.

Sausage Grinders—Holloway Bros.
All kinds of fishing tackle at C. R.
Gaines.
Buy your Filtered gasoline from
McClagherty & Son.
FOR SALE—Maxwell Touring Car,
almost new; good condition. E. Heineke
Grocery.
A four wheel trailer you can attach
to any car. Price right. See it at
City Garage.
Mr. and Mrs. Wiede of Maxwell
spent Christmas day with Mrs. Wiede's
parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Gaines.
Lieut. Emmett de Montel returned
home this week from Camp Bowie,
Fort Worth, on a ten days sick leave.
Buy your tires at City Garage. Sat-
isfaction and courteous treatment as-
sured. We appreciate your patron-
age.

Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Brown were here
this week from Idlewild, the guests of
Mrs. Brown's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.
F. Bader.
If your hens don't lay get a package
of "More Egg" from W. G. Poehler,
which is sold with the guarantee to
make them lay.

Miss Mary Campbell of Russellville,
Kentucky, is here spending the holi-
days with her brother, T. G. Camp-
bell, and family.
Prof. C. E. Winn, wife and baby
from Castroville were holiday visitors
to Hondo, the guests of Mrs. Winn's
parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Black-
burn.

Lieut. and Mrs. Earl Starnes were
Christmas day guests of Mrs. Starnes'
parents, Mr. and Mrs. Aug. Schuehle.
They returned to San Antonio in the
evening.

Eugen Huesser has installed all the
necessary equipment and is now fully
prepared to do auto top work in short
order. Bring your auto to him to be
re-covered.

Mail orders promptly attended to
Phone or write us for any and every
thing usually sold in a Drug store.
W. H. Windrow, Prescription Drug-
gist, Hondo, Texas.

County Demonstration Agent T. N.
Lee attended a meeting of county
demonstration agents at College Sta-
tion this week. He also visited home-
folks at Fredericksburg.

Prof. and Mrs. Oscar Peters came
over from Karnes City, where Prof.
Peters is superintendent of the public
school, to spend the Christmas holi-
days with homefolks and friends.

Miss Albertina Hornung came out
from San Antonio and spent Christmas
day with her parents, Mr. and Mrs.
Aug. Hornung. She returned to her
duties in the city on the evening train.

Judge and Mrs. D. H. Fly were hos-
tesses to the Epworth Leaguers Thurs-
day evening. A large number of
young people were present and sev-
eral very delightful hours were whiled
away.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer de Montel spent
Christmas day here with homefolks.
They returned to San Antonio on the
evening train where Mr. de Montel re-
sumed his duties at Kelley Field, he
being connected with the government
aviation service.

Ammunition—Holloway Bros.
Big Stone Jars—Holloway Bros.
Sausage Grinders—Holloway Bros.
To Our Friends: Please call for 1918
calendars. Hondo Lumber Co.
Your auto top made to look like new
at Eugen Huesser's Saddlery Shop.

Let us convince you what a saving
it is to have your Casings and Tubes
vulcanized. Citizens Motor Car Co.
For fancy fresh fruits and green
vegetables, go to Barrientes or phone
200. L. Barrientes & Son.

Say, what about California spuds at
3 cents per pound, from 50 pounds up
to any amount at Barrientes'.

Always a fresh supply of Goodyear
Tires, Accessories and Columbia Bat-
teries in stock. Quality first, price
last. Citizens Motor Car Co.

I have bought the "short order"
restaurant of Mr. L. (Chic) Morris at
the Frerichs Saloon. My table will be
supplied with the best the market af-
fords and at reasonable prices. The
patronage of the public will be appre-
ciated. Give me a call. H. J. Heyen.

A MORE EGG TONIC—After using
More Egg for over two years with
splendid success I have accepted the
agency for this wonderful egg producer
called "More Egg," which if fed to
your hens is guaranteed to make them
lay more eggs. 1.00 a package and
every package guaranteed to give sat-
isfaction or money refunded by W. G.
Poehler.

The Oscar Graham Co. presented a
very interesting little comedy drama
at the Auditorium Monday night. So
well did the company handle all of the
parts that the absence of Mr. Graham
was not noticed by some until the end
of the third act. The company will
play a return engagement here some
time in the early spring. Graham and
his people are always welcomed by
Hondo theatre goers.

Rev. Father Pallanche presented the
Congregation of the St. Johns Catholic
Church with an attractive Church Cal-
endar, at the Christmas morning serv-
ice. The booklet, besides containing
considerable interesting reading mat-
ter, is replete with information about
the local church that will be useful to
its communicants throughout the year.
The booklet was assembled and finished
by The Anvil Herald's Job Depart-
ment.

The Anvil Herald completed the de-
livery of an edition of 650 Mid-winter
directories for the Southwestern Tel.
& Tel. Co. this week. Notwithstanding
the awful drouth that is paralyzing
everything in this country, the efficient
management of Mr. J. B. Hurt has
maintained the service of the local ex-
change almost unimpaired. That is an
accomplishment of which the manage-
ment of any business enterprise in
this drouth stricken country can well
feel proud at the present time.

Alfred Saathoff, son of Mr. and Mrs.
Elmer Saathoff, on his way from here
to New Fountain, on the evening of
Christmas day, narrowly escaped an
accident. His horse got frightened,
ran the buggy against a telephone
post and broke loose. The boy was
thrown out of the buggy. Frank West-
phal and visitors of Leakey, who had
been guests of Mrs. Fred Folk, met him
at the scene and took him to New Foun-
tain to his parents, driving the horse
in front of the auto. Alfred Saathoff
had escaped injuries.

Soldier boys, who were lucky to get
permission to spend the holidays with
homefolks, were Willie Windrow, Alb.
Heyen, Felix Richter, Leo Schweers,
Herman Garteiser, Lt. Elb. and Em-
mett de Montel, Raymond Ney, Mon-
roe Ward, "Booty" Bless, Rolf Fre-
richs, Fred Lynch, Harry Heyen, Jim
Myers, Albert Neuman, Hugo Saath-
hoff, Oscar Mangold, Emil Bohmfalk,
Geo. Heyen, and Oscar Taylor, Alex
Wendland, Frank Saathoff (who still is
on the sick list), Robert Breiten, Oscar
Schmitt, and others whose names we
failed to get.

"How I Love a Soldier Boy" is the
title of a clever musical composition by
Mrs. C. B. Watters of San Antonio.
The music is just off the press and is
making quite a hit wherever intro-
duced—for who doesn't love a soldier
boy! Mrs. Watters has happily inter-
preted, both in words and music, those
feelings that stir within most of us but
for which few possess the artistic gift
to express so beautifully. Mrs. Wat-
ters will be remembered by many of
our readers as Fay Scheidemantel, the
youngest daughter of the late Charles
Scheidemantel, and all his former
friends, will rejoice at this success
that has come to his gifted daughter.

Subscribe for this paper.
The Anvil Herald, \$1.50 a year.
Heating Stoves—Holloway Bros.
Sausage Stuffers—Holloway Bros.
Phone 37 for special auto livery.
McClagherty & Son.
For Sale—2½ horse power gasoline
engine for sale. Apply to Citizens'
Motor Car Company.
Let Edwin F. Bendele put up your
windmills and gasoline engines. All
work guaranteed satisfactory.

FOUND—A ladies' valuable hand-
kerchief, on the foot ball grounds
Christmas day. Owner can recover
same by calling at this office and de-
scribing property.

Our attention has been called to the
fact that some one, doubtless thought-
less children, have been tampering
with the lock boxes at the post office
and some valuable mail has been lost.
Offenders in this particular are warned
that this is a serious offense, one liable
to get them into the clutches of the
Federal law, and they should desist.

Airplanes galore—some dozen and a
half or more—visited Hondo Wednes-
day. The first plane arrived about
8:00 o'clock in the morning, and they
continued to arrive and depart through-
out the day at brief intervals. From
the arrival of the first plane to the
departure of the last one an almost
continual whirl of propellers and the
exhaust of engines could be heard
overhead and many a neck was craned
as the birdmen circled above the town.
While the visit of airplanes have been
rather frequent lately they still excite
the interest of our people and their
landing place always attracts large
crowds during their stay.

The foot ball aggregation of the
Hondo High School added new laurels
to its already enviable record by de-
feating a team composed principally
of young men who were at home
from other points in the state for the
Christmas holidays. The game was
scheduled for 10 o'clock Christmas
morning, and despite the decidedly
chilly northern that was blowing a good
crowd was present to witness the con-
test. The game proved a good one
and was hard-fought from start to
finish, but the High School team proved
too strong for their opponents and
annexed the game by a score of 13 to
6. The proceeds of the game were do-
nated to the Red Cross.

The editor of this paper acknowl-
edges with grateful appreciation re-
ceipt of a copy of The Laurel, the
student magazine of the San Mar-
cos Baptist Academy. The copy was
of the Christmas issue and was sent
with the compliments of the editor-in-
chief, Miss Nell Wilson, one of several
of Hondo's fair daughters who are
making good at the Academy. The
magazine is well edited and attract-
ively gotten up typographically. Its
table of contents runs all the way from
grave to gay, from serious to comic in
both prose and poetry. Imagine the
young people dismissing from their
minds such thoughts as this from the
joke column:

Mr. Barton, "Buster, what business
have you talking to that girl?"
Buster: "It's not a business—it's a
pleasure,"
long enough to turn in all seriousness
to such sound philosophy as this from
the editorial column:
"Courage is not the lack of fear.
Courage is facing a thing squarely no
matter what the cost."

And plenty of courage they are going
to need, not only to surmount the dif-
ficulties of exams and other eteetras,
but to fight the battles of life. But
after all, does not courage, like most
of the better qualities of human char-
acter, thrive best along with cheerfulness?
The young people who created
The Laurel evidently have both. We
congratulate them all—and especially
the editor-in-chief.

We Wish One and All
A
HAPPY
AND
PROSPEROUS
NEW YEAR
Sugarman Supply Co.
H. HARTMAN, Manager

GUNS!
Better buy your gun now while you can get them.
Later on we cannot get them at all. Every one at
lowest market price.
C. R. GAINES

We Handle Lumber
That Lasts
because it is thoroughly sea-
soned when we send it out.
If you have ever used green
lumber you know how costly
such work is. Get our thor-
oughly seasoned kind and
avoid trouble at the start, an-
noyance and expense in the
future.

KUNTZ-FLINT LUMBER CO.

E. Heineke's Sanitary Grocery
We are prepared for the Christmas
Trade
Can supply you with Fine Cape Cod Cranberries,
Cocoanuts, Citron, Raisins, Dates—Nuts—Cranberry
Sauce, and many other good things to eat.
PHONE 252

PIANO—Have beautiful latest im-
proved piano, must be sold immedi-
ately. Price no object, cash or terms.
Information, address: The Mayor Piano
Company, San Antonio, Texas.
OVERLAND SIX—The well-balanced
Six—with plenty power and comfort.
See this new car at City Garage.
Think of Barrientes when you want
to sell your poultry, eggs or butter, as
we are always in the market and keep
up our good prices for your produce.
Phone 200 or 241, any time.
Whenever your windmill or gasoline
engine needs repairing call on Edwin
F. Bendele for quick service.

Thankful for Past Favors, I Wish
One and All

A
PROSPEROUS AND
HAPPY NEW YEAR

W. H. WINDROW
Druggist and Bookseller

THE
First National Bank
HONDO, TEXAS
Capital \$50,000.00 Surplus \$22,000.00
J. M. FINGER - - - - - President
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JOE FOHN - - - - - Vice-President
HORACE BRADLEY - - - - - Cashier
CHAS. FINGER - - - - - Ass't. Cashier

THE INCREASING BUSI-
NESS of this BANK is
an indication that the service
it renders is satisfactory. If
not already a patron, may
we not have your account?
We give our customers as
liberal accommodations as is
consistent with sound bank-
ing.

Oscar Graham Wishing You All A Merry Christmas



AUDITORIUM MONDAY
Dec. 24th

Oscar Graham

Presents His New, Up-to-the-Minute Play

"MY COUNTRY 'TIS OF THEE"

An Effervescent, Scintillating, Rapid-Beautiful Scenery, Wardrobe and
Fire, Patriotic Comedy Effects

PRICES: --- 22c, 45c, 67c
WAR TAX: --- 3c, 5c, 8c

Reserved Seats on Sale at

Total --- 25c 50c 75c

Windrow's Drug Store

Mr. Davis Says Texas Should
Raise Her Own Food
And Feed.

Fletcher Davis, Field Agent of the
State Department of Agriculture, was
here Monday to discuss with our farm-
ers and business men the preparation
of the soil for next year's crop and
the planning of farm operations so as
to increase the production of food and
feed crops next year.

Owing to the inclement weather and
absence of any advance arrangements
for a crowd, no meeting was held. In
an interview with the News man Mr.
Davis said:

The Department of Agriculture
thinks that now of all times the people
should meet in Farmers' Institutes and
study the problems confronting them.
The scarcity of labor and the high price
of food, coupled with the urgent need
for increase production, calls for a
better understanding between the
farmers and business men and more
co-operation in securing feed and seed
for the planting and making of next
year's crop. If the state is to be a
factor in winning the war and not a
handicap it must produce its own food
and feed and all the two hundred
million dollars worth this it has been
importing from the North and West
go to support our European allies."

The Department of Agriculture is
anxious to give any assistance it can
in solving and meeting this great
problem of a self-sustaining food pro-
duction without at the same time mate-
rially curtailing the needed production
of the South's staple crop, cotton."

(Devine News.)

Young Mothers

Reserve strength for mother-
hood is of two-fold importance
and thoughtful women before
and after maternity take

SCOTT'S
EMULSION

It supplies pure cod liver oil
for rich blood and contains
lime and soda with medicinal
glycerine, all important ingredi-
ents for strengthening the
nervous system and furnishing
abundant nourishment.

It is free from alcohol.
Insist on the genuine.
The Norwegian cod liver oil in
Scott's Emulsion is now refined in our
own American laboratories which
makes it pure and palatable.
Scott & Bowne, Bloomfield, N.J. 17-20

MEMBERSHIP IN
THE RED CROSS IS
TRUE PATRIOTISM

REAL SERVICE TO NATION AND
HER FIGHTERS AWAITS ALL
LOYAL CITIZENS.

SACRIFICES BEFORE VICTORY

Cheer and Comfort for Boys "Over
There" and Snamor for Fam-
ilies Here is Organi-
zation's Aim.

Americanism, 100 per cent true,
means membership in the American
Red Cross.

This great organization, which
stands for humanity the world over
and succor to all races and creeds,
now is face to face with its greatest
task—backing up the army and navy
of these United States in a titanic
struggle to make the universe safe for
democracy.

In its Christmas membership drive
for 2,500,000 new members in the
Southwest division, comprising the
states of Missouri, Texas, Kansas, Ok-
lahoma and Arkansas, the American
Red Cross appeals not for charity, but
for patriotism of an individual citizen.

Aid for America's Sons.
Up to the present time the Red
Cross has gone to the front for all
peoples combatting a ruthless autocrac-
y unprecedented in the annals of
mankind. Today it is engaged in re-
cruiting its wonderful resources to aid
the millions of men America is assem-
bling for the decisive battle in the
trenches, in the air and on the seas.

"Charity begins at home" is a time-
worn, trite axiom. But, brought up to
date, it finds a real meaning in the
support for this country's fighters and
those they leave behind.

The millions who find protection under
the Stars and Stripes are now of-
fered an opportunity to do real service
to the nation and the boys who
will fight for them against the evil
which threatens the very foundation of
this free government.

Service is Awaiting All.
The War Council of the American
Red Cross has decided that a great na-
tional purpose will be served by hav-
ing membership in the Red Cross al-
most as universal as citizenship.

Although pledged as a nation to the
national purpose during this crisis, it
will not be granted to a large percent-
age of American men, women and chil-
dren to play a part in the fighting
branch of our country's service. All,
however, can be identified, through
membership in the Red Cross, which
in this case, when entire nations are
organized for warfare, is big enough
and strong enough to carry some of
the burden for our soldiers, for our
sailors and our allies.

America's struggle is one of Men,
Money, Material and Mercy. Men sup-
ply the military force. Money repre-
sents the means by which the army
and navy are supplied. Material con-
sists of guns, ammunition, uniforms
and supplies. Mercy—the Red Cross.

Morale Vital Factor.
Comfort kits, sweaters, wristlets
and bandages go far in promoting the
wellfare of Uncle Sam's fighters, but
the greatest stimulant to the army's
morale is concrete evidence of Ameri-
can citizenship's unity by an addition
of 2,500,000 members to the American
Red Cross in the Southwest by Christ-
mas Eve.

No sacrifice an American can make
here at home can compensate the fa-
ther, son or brother menaced by all
the perils of warfare in the trenches
abroad.

Lack of proper morale has, without
doubt, been largely responsible for the
collapse of Russia and the crumbling
of Italy's forces. No man can throw
himself wholeheartedly into the busi-
ness of war when devoured by the
most acute anxiety as to the welfare
of his loved ones at home.

More than 5,000,000 men and women
already have enlisted in the ranks of
the American Red Cross to minister
relief to the maimed and suffering
and to carry cheer and comfort to
America's army and navy. In camp
and cantonment, amid the roar of bat-
tle, the standard of the Red Cross
challenges all forces of destruction.

Patriotism is calling to Americans
to range themselves with their dol-
lars, service and encouragement be-
hind the men in khaki who are going
forth to die, if need be, in their de-
fense.

* MAKE THIS A *
* RED CROSS CHRISTMAS *
* It is our first Christmas in the *
* war. Millions of our men are *
* away from their homes, in the *
* trenches and on the sea. *
* It is our hope that on Christ- *
* mas eve all members will light *
* Christmas candles and place *
* them in their windows behind *
* their Red Cross service flags. *
* Through this simple ceremony *
* we shall express the close union *
* of the Christmas spirit of serv- *
* ice with our Red Cross symbol *
* of mercy. *
* AMERICAN RED CROSS *



Only 7 More Days
For Christmas Shoppers

Christmas

By CHARLES VIRGIL TEXIS

Heart of youth, 'tis
Christmas time—
Be singing!
Every bell in every clime
Is ringing.
Eyes are sparkling, lips
are smiling.
Greetings merry, gifts
beguiling.
Matters nothing what
your age,
Santa has the Yuletide
stage!

Turn the page of yester-
day,
Forgetting
All but that the mystic
hour's
Begetting.
In the leading actor's
mission—
Life's great promise,
Love's fruition!
Heart of youth, yours is
the play
On the wondrous Christ-
mas Day!

HINTS FOR BELATED GIFTS

Bags and Aprons Are Easily and
Quickly Made and They Are Al-
ways Acceptable.

For many weeks before Christmas
the household is busy with needle,
crochet hook and tatting shuttle, fash-
ioning Christmas gifts for family and
friends. But, there always are some
belated gifts, that must be made dur-
ing the last few days, for friends that
we would like to remember.

In such cases there is nothing more
quickly or easily made than bags and
aprons, and one never can have too
many of either. Laundry bags, stock-
ing bags, darning bags, piece bags and
bags for soiled handkerchiefs can be
made of calico or cretonne, and fancy
work bags, purse bags, and handker-
chief bags may be made of silk and
ribbon. Several of these bags can easi-
ly be made in an evening, and they
are always acceptable gifts.

And aprons—no woman ever had
too many aprons. A few yards of king-
ham, percale and butcher's linen made
up into aprons, which would not re-
quire more than a day to make a good
supply, would go a long way as gifts
to busy house mothers. And caps, also.
At this time almost every woman
wears some sort of cap when doing
her house work, and a neat, washable
cap makes an acceptable gift, and re-
quires little skill in the making. And
so with these practical and quickly
made gifts one may be able to catch up
with Christmas remembrances, even
though belated until the last few days
before Christmas.

Opening the Fat Purse.
Too many fat purses respond only
to the magic formula: Not to be
opened till Christmas.

A MORE EGG TONIC—After using
More Egg for over two years with
splendid success I have accepted the
agency for this wonderful egg producer
called "More Egg," which if fed to
your hens is guaranteed to make them
lay more eggs. \$1.00 a package and
every package guaranteed to give sat-
isfaction or money refunded by W. G.
Poehler.

To Cure a Cold in One Day.
Take LAXATIVE BROMO Quinine. It stops the
Cough and Headache and works off the Cold.
Druggists refund money if it fails to cure.
K. W. GROVE'S signature on each box. 30c.

The Anvil Herald, \$1.50 a year.
Phone 37 for special auto livery.
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FOR SALE BY
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Manicure and Toilet Sets, Stationery, Keweenaw Candles.

We store your goods and deliver them or mail them for you

MARTIN DRUG CO

For Our
CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR

TRADE

We have over 500 bushels of good
fancy Red

APPLES

That we will sell at \$1.50 per bushel

Phone 200 L. BARRIENTES & SON

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Stomach and Bowels out of order, appetite poor and
general disinclination for work,

HERBINE

Is the Remedy You Need

It creates energy by cleansing the system of bilious impurities
and restoring activity in the torpid liver. Take a dose when you
go to bed. You will feel bright and vigorous next morning. It's
a fine purifying and regulating medicine. Price 50 cents.

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ing allowed. Any privileges granted
will now be null and void.
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LAX-FOS IS AN IMPROVED CASCARA
A Digestive Liquid Laxative, Cathartic
and Liver Tonic. Contains Cascara Bark,
Blue Flag Root, Rhubarb Root, Black
Root, May Apple Root, Senna Leaves and
Pepsin. Combines strength with palat-
able aromatic taste. Does not gripe. 50c

\$500.00 Reward

I will pay the above reward for the
arrest and conviction of the party or
parties who are stealing my steers.
23-tf. D. W. SHORT.

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The Quinine That Does Not Affect the Head
Because of its tonic and laxative effect, LAX-
ATIVE BROMO QUININE is better than ordinary
Quinine and does not cause nervousness nor
ringing in head. Remember the full name and
look for the signature of K. W. GROVE. 30c.

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DAILY
SERVICE

Two Trains between
New Orleans and
San Francisco

Six Trains between
New Orleans and Houston

Three Trains between
Houston and San Antonio
and El Paso

Standard Sleepers on all through
trains
Dining Cars unsurpassed
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"Well," said the big fellow, "You can put your money into Railroad Stocks, you can buy Standard Commercial Stocks, or you can take long chances and buy stock in some Gold Mine which may or may not make you a Millionaire. Do you know anything about stocks, shares, or investments generally?"

"Not a thing."

"Well, what is your first requirement in an investment, do you want high interest, or absolute safety?"

"Absolute safety—no chances for me. Why I wouldn't sleep nights and my wife would never quit worrying if I took chances."

"Well," was the reply, "I can advise you to buy some good Commercial Stock but I want to warn you that owing to trade conditions being upset of course the Stock might be low just when you wanted to sell. Would you mind that?"

"Yes, I believe I would. Of course, I know all Stocks go up and down a little in price, but I must have something that can't go down too low, because I might want my money any time, and I can't afford to lose 5% to 10% of my investment just for the sake of securing 5% to 10% interest."

"So you want something that is so safe it will not cause you one moment's worry, you want something that you can purchase, hold, and feel safe about without your having to learn anything about stocks, shares, or market prices."

"That's it, exactly."

The business man had known right along what investment this man needed, but he wanted the farmer to sell himself first. "Well," he said with a smile, "What's the matter with investing with the United States Government? You won't have to sit up nights wondering whether they are going to fail. You don't have to know one thing about stocks, shares or markets, in order to get in on the proposition, and your little 4% comes around twice a year regularly."

"Oh, you mean buy a Liberty Bond?"

"Yes, why not?"

"Well, I guess I can't do better."

"Better, why, man, you can't do as well. It's the only kind of investment for a fellow like yourself who knows all about farming and nothing about finance. Your bond is the best collateral in the world, you can always sell it if you have to, and believe me there is a feeling of satisfaction about owning one of those bonds that you can't buy with any other security. The bond is Uncle Sam's certificate that you are an American in good standing and you feel that you are helping our boys in the great fight. Look at it any way you like, it's the finest investment in the world."

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News from Quihi and Vicinity.

H. J. Aden was here from San Antonio on a visit to his home-folks, and his best friend.

Emil Boehle and wife, and D. G. Reitzer and family, were visiting at D'Hanis Wednesday.

Rob. Breiten, a soldier boy of Camp Travis, was here visiting friends.

Andrew Oefinger was a Hondo visitor Wednesday.

Quite a crowd from here attended the Christmas Entertainment at Murphy School Friday night. Those from here were H. H. Saathoff and family, Emil Boehle and wife, Misses Pearl and Myrtle Riff, Lizette and Bertha Boehle, Messrs. H. J. H. G., Ernest, Alfred and Edwin Boehle, Jul. and Louis Grell, Emil Riff and Walter Bruks; they all reported a jolly good time.

Henry O. Brucks of San Antonio is visiting home folks this week.

H. J. Boehle was a Hondo business visitor Monday.

John Fritten, our expert hunter, was out hunting up in the hills, he returned home with two big bucks. Good luck, John! Try again, you will get up to the limit.

O. A. Grell is on the sick list this week.

Ernest Balzen and Jul. Grell went to San Antonio on business Saturday.

George Reitzer of Chifton, Ariz., is visiting his father, and relatives.

Hugo Saathoff, of Camp Bowie, and Frank Saathoff, of Camp Travis, are spending the holidays with home folks.

Louis Grell is sporting a new Ford. Rah-rah, girls.

Miss Josie Moehring, of Lower Hondo, was visiting her cousin, Miss Lizzie Neuman, during the holidays.

As this will be our last letter this year, we wish the Editor and his readers a happy and prosperous New Year. May the year 1918 bring us plenty of good luck and happiness.

TWIN SISTERS.

Warning against Damage to Cattle.

Houston, Tex., Dec. 21, 1917.

To All Agents:

Information has reached us to the effect that a certain organization which is in opposition to the purposes of this country and the best interest of its people in the prosecution of the war against the enemy nations has planned this winter to use concentrated lye and roach powder for killing or injuring cattle and hogs in yards and feed pens.

It is said that lye on rock salt causes mouth sores, ulcers in the stomach and also rots the feet of stock, producing a condition similar to that of "foot and mouth disease."

It is suggested also that the organization in question proposes to use muriatic and nitric acid in food fed to hogs, causing ulceration of the stomach and death under conditions closely resembling hog cholera.

Agents and others receiving this circular will please notify all cattle men, shippers, feeders, breeders and farmers in order that they may take necessary precautions to guard their stock against these possible attempts, and to exercise proper diligence in preventing unauthorized persons from having access to stock at any time.

Station agents and others will redouble their precautions to avoid possible damage while stock of any kind is in their possession, cautioning trainmen in connection with the subject matter.

The management will cordially appreciate the co-operation of all its employees in this and all other matters in which the interests of the Government and the people are at issue.

W. B. SCOTT.

Senior Epworth League.

December 30, 1917.

Leader, Miss Marguerite Wanshaff. Subject, "Clamoring for the Future." Songs.

Prayer by leader.

Scripture, Matt. XXV, 1-13.

Reading, "The Glory of the New Year", Miss Hazel Heath.

Song.

Plan for Growth, Mr. Ralph Windrow.

Plan to Act, Miss Virgil Miller.

The Master's Plans, Miss Eva Long.

Plan to Be an Efficient Epworthian, Miss Selma Stiegler.

Instrumental solo, Miss Nell Wilson.

Song.

Announcements.

Benediction.

Notice to Registrants.

All registrants in the military ages of 21 to 31 years in Medina County, will as soon as they receive their "Questionnaires" report and get the assistance of the local board of Medina County, in Devine and adjacent territory, Natalia and Zigzag, etc., to Jno. T. Briscoe, G. C. Morris, Mack Kercheville, and Mr. Gully, in Hondo etc. to V. H. Blocker, Ed. de Montel, H. E. Haass and L. J. Brucks, who will assist them free of charge to properly fill out the blanks required.

H. E. HAASS, Secretary. V. H. BLOCKER, Chairman. Medina County Local Board.

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Assaulted While He Slept.

Robt. Schott, who lives at Haby Settlement, was the victim of an assault of a cowardly miscreant last Saturday night that nearly cost him his life. He was asleep in his home at the time of the attack, and as the blow on his head and face rendered him temporarily unconscious he is in complete ignorance of the identity of his assailant. The motive that prompted the attack also puzzles Mr. Schott as he is not aware that he has an enemy, and the only reason he can assign for the assault is one of robbery. His father, who lives with him and is somewhat advanced in years and is rather deaf, did not hear the intruder but it is probable his presence frightened the night prowler from the house. The old gentleman is in the habit of getting up frequently during the night and the supposition is that the intruder heard him moving about and thinking that he had been discovered beat a hasty retreat before ransacking the house. Every effort should be made to apprehend this individual and if caught an example should be made of him. Medina county has no place for a person of his calibre. While still suffering somewhat from the blow Mr. Schott is recovering and will soon be enjoying his normal health again.

Philathea Class.

Mrs. W. H. Smith was hostess to the Philathea Class Tuesday evening, December 11th. An unusually large crowd answered roll call.

The subject of the lesson was "The Churches in the Acts."

Brother Long heard the lesson and made it very interesting.

The subject of the next meeting is "The Epistle of St. Paul," the place of meeting to be announced later.

PRESS REPORTER.

Notice.

The regular annual meeting of the share-holders of the First National Bank of Hondo, Texas, will be held at its Banking House on the second Tuesday in January, the same being the 8th day of January 1918, between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 4 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of electing a Board of Directors for the ensuing year and to transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting.
J. M. FINGER, President.

Services at the Nazarene Church

Preaching by Mrs. Bessie Williams on Saturday night and Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m., first Sunday in each month.

Preaching by J. T. Horger on every third Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.

Sunday School every Sunday, 9:45 a. m.

Young people's meeting every Sunday, 3 p. m.

Prayer meeting at the Church Friday night, each week.

Notice.

All members of the Hondo National Farm Loan Association are requested to attend the annual meeting at the Court House, Hondo, on Tuesday, Jan. 8th, 1918, at 2 p. m., to elect officers, etc.
H. E. HAASS, Secretary.

Notice.

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16,7f. ED. FINGER.

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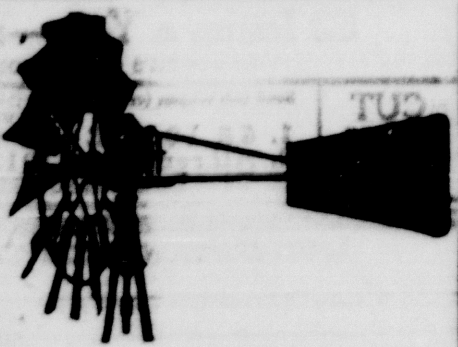
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"I was in a terrible rundown condition for the last six months", she explained, "and my sufferings from indigestion and rheumatism were something awful. I had to be particular about what I ate for nearly everything disagreed with me and gas would form from sour undigested food and bloated me so I was miserable for hours. I got thin and weak and fell off to less than a hundred pounds and rheumatism gave me so much pain I couldn't get out of bed without help and then I could hardly stand on my feet. My arms and lower limbs hurt all the time and many a night I couldn't get an hour's sleep. My nerves were all unstrung and I was so worn out I had to take to my bed and at times I was so weak I couldn't move without somebody helping me."

"One of my neighbors told me about Tanlac and I decided to try it. I have now taken seven bottles and it sure chased away that rheumatism in a hurry. I have been feeling splendid for several weeks now and haven't had a pain to speak of. My appetite is good and I can eat most anything I want without it hurting me. My nerves are in good shape. I sleep like a child and get up in the morning feeling fine. I am picking up now every day and I know from what it has done for me that Tanlac is the best medicine on earth."

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YOU AND I AND NOW AND THEN

By Orin R. Coile, St. Louis, Mo.

One of these days there will come from "over there" a casualty list of American soldiers that will eat into your soul and my soul. Many of the boys who went "over there" to protect your honor and my honor and your freedom and my freedom will be on the list of dead. They will have given up their lives, even as the Man of Galilee, for you and for me.

NOW, and not THEN, you and I should ask ourselves, "Are we doing EVERYTHING we can to help the Army which is back of the Army?" The Army Back of the Army is the great American Red Cross. The Red Cross is one of the biggest agencies for winning the war for the Allies. We are going to win the war, of course. But when? NOW is the time to consider that question, too. NOW is the time for you and for me to do EVERYTHING WE CAN for the government of the United States and for the rest of the Allies. And we ought to go to the depths of our hearts for the answer to the question: "Are we doing ALL we can?"

The American Red Cross is the very backbone of the American expeditionary forces. It cares for the soldier's family while he is away, if the family needs care; it cares for the soldier himself, both on the way to the battlefields and after he arrives there; the great American Red Cross MAKES the MORALE of not only the American forces overseas but the forces of the other Allies as well. We are going to win the war, yes, but we are not going to win it without the support of the American Red Cross.

And so, as I said before, one of these days we are going to get our first big casualty list from "over there," and your boy or your neighbor's boy will be one of the dead. THEN, with tears in our eyes and lumps in our throats, realizing at last that the boys "over there" have made the Supreme Sacrifice, realizing that they gave us LIFE by embracing DEATH, then—THEN—

But THEN will be TOO LATE. What about NOW? This is OUR hour to act; this is our hour to rally around the Red Cross; this is our hour to join that greatest of all great humanitarian organizations; this is our hour to help make a success of the Christmas membership campaign which has for its purpose the enlistment of 10,000,000 new members by Christmas eve; this is our hour to take to our hearts the Red Cross flag, the flag which stands not only for relief, not only for the care of OUR boys "over there," but also for the MORALE which is necessary for winning the war.

If YOU and I do not belong to the Red Cross we are prolonging the suffering of our boys in France, because we are prolonging the war itself.

Christmas day there will be flashed to the battlefields the inspiring message that 15,000,000 American men and women have joined the American Red Cross and have signified by that action that they are going to back up our boys in the trenches until the shot shall have been fired that will mean that the world has been saved for democracy!

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Our Castroville Page

Local, Personal and Business Items from This Busy Burg

CASTROVILLE, DECEMBER 27, 1917

ED. HUEHNER, LOCAL REPRESENTATIVE

News or business matter for this page for the week's issue should be submitted to Mr. Huehner or mailed direct to us at Hondo not later than Wednesday night of each week.

We sincerely wish all of our patrons and friends a happy and prosperous New Year.

Don't forget the New Year's Dance at the Wernette Hall, Castroville, Texas, Tuesday night, Jan. 1st, 1918. Gentlemen 50c. Ladies free. 5c extra War Tax.

Hon. R. J. Noonan was here Wednesday and appointed a committee of ladies to solicit members in the Red Cross Christmas Membership Campaign. From here the Judge went to Riomedina and LaCoste.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Bippert of LaCoste, on Saturday, Dec. 15th, a son.

Messrs. Jungman, Luckenbach, Keller and McKaig, of LaCoste, stopped over a little while en route home from a hunt up the River. One of the Nimrods informed us that they had been very successful in shooting holes in the air.

Otto Tondre, of Camp Bowie, arrived here Friday evening on a five days visit to home-folks and friends.

Rudolph Haby of Camp Travis visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Haby, for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Schott and baby of Devine were guests of Mrs. F. Kilhorn during Christmas.

Reports reached here Tuesday that Henry Loesberg, of San Antonio. The body was reached here Tuesday evening and will be buried here Wednesday at 3 o'clock. Obituary will follow in next issue.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Tschirhart of Noonan were shopping here Saturday.

Mrs. Alex L. Haby and family of Riomedina were shopping here during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mechler moved to San Antonio, where they will in future reside.

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Jagge of Hondo visited here Monday.

George Tschirhart of Camp Bowie was here for the holidays.

Mrs. Max Boehme and daughters, Misses Frieda and Henrietta, of Riomedina were shopping here during the week.

Tom FitzSimon was laid up with tonsillitis this week.

Alex Tondre visited in San Antonio Monday.

Mrs. Leo Tschirhart and Mr. and Mrs. August Tschirhart were LaCoste visitors Christmas eve.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Keller and baby were here from LaCoste.

Adolph Mangold came in from Pipe Creek to spend Xmas here.

Julius Haby of Camp Travis visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Haby, Xmas.

Robert Groff was here to spend Xmas with Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Groff.

Pete Tschirhart of San Antonio was here during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Steine came in from Jourdan to spend the holidays with relatives.

Oscar Wurzbach of Camp Travis spent Xmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Wurzbach.

Miss Mollie de Montel is visiting in San Antonio.

Mr. and Mrs. Grosenbach and daughter, Allen, and Mrs. Albert Yourzie, and Miss Pauline de Montel, of San Antonio, visited here Sunday.

Grandma Zimmerman is reported to be very sick at the time of this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Jungman and sons, Arthur and Frank, of Hondo, visited here Sunday.

Dr. Oscar Taylor and Joe Monkhouse, of Hondo, visited Mr. and Mrs. Louis Scherrer here Sunday.

Mrs. Edmond Keller was here from LaCoste Thursday.

Edgar Brown was here from Devine this week.

Henry Biry and Henry Brown of Camp Travis were here Saturday.

Mrs. Pete Rihn of Pearson is here by the bed side of her mother, Mrs. Zimmerman, who is very sick.

Miss Francis Schmidt visited in San Antonio Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Cobb and Mr. John Rihn, of San Antonio, spent the holidays here with Mr. and Mrs. Willie Rihn.

Misses Renata and Martha Wurzbach, and Master Theodor Wurzbach, spent the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ad. Wurzbach at Cliff.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Mehr, and children, spent several days with Mr. and Mrs. Mike Franger at Idlewild.

Misses Rosa and Lorine Lutz spent Xmas with their relatives in D'Hanis.

Prof. and Mrs. C. E. Winn, and little son, spent the holidays with relatives in Hondo.

Mrs. Emily Naegelin is the guest of Mrs. Chas. Graebner in San Antonio for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Muennink, and Miss Nora Tondre, of Hondo, came over Saturday evening for the Christmas Entertainment given by the public school.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Howard visited relatives in Devine Monday.

Mr. Frank Wurzbach of Cliff visited here Saturday.

Mr. Alfred Schmitt of Camp Travis spent the holidays with his parents here, Mr. and Mrs. F. X. Schmitt, and family.

Edna and Clara Wurzbach were shopping here during the week.

Miss Clara Rihn returned from LaCoste Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Scherrer had as their guests, during the holidays, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Watters, and Mr. L. W. Scheidmantel, of San Antonio.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Keller of San Antonio spent Xmas here with Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Keller.

Dr. and Mrs. J. T. FitzSimon had as their guests during Xmas their daughter, Miss Mary FitzSimon, of San Antonio.

Elmer de Montel, of Kelly Field, visited here Tuesday evening.

Farm Loan Bonds Selling By Millions in America.

Washington, Nov. 22.—A report issued by the federal farm loan board indicates that up to Nov. 1st farm loan bonds to the amount of \$21,500,000 had been disposed of to investors of the United States. Of this amount \$18,850,000 of bonds were distributed through bond houses and \$2,650,000 were sold directly by the twelve federal banks to investors.

These bonds bear 4 1/2 per cent interest and are entirely tax free. They are sold at 101 1/2 and are secured by the first mortgages taken in exchange for loans made to the farmers by the twelve federal land banks and they are further secured by all of the assets of all the twelve federal land banks. These bonds are being offered to the public at the rate of approximately \$3,000,000 per week. The money derived from their sale is loaned to farmers at 5 per cent, the margin of 1/2 per cent being employed to pay the expenses of the federal land banks.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

This is not only one of the best and most efficient medicine for coughs, colds and croup, but it is also pleasant and safe to take, which is important when medicine must be given to children. Many mothers have given it their unqualified endorsement.

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS.

The Tax Collector and Tax Assessor of Medina County will be at the places named below for the purpose of collecting State and County Taxes for 1917, and taking Assessments for 1918:

D'Hanis, January 3 and 4, 1918.
Biry, " 7, (10 to 4) "
Devine, " 8, 9 and 10 "
Natalia, " 11, (9 to 12) "
Coal Mine, " 11, (1 to 4) "
Cliff, " 14, (10 to 4) "
Red Wing, " 15, (10 to 4) "
Riomedina, " 16, (9 to 4) "
Castroville, " 17 and 18, "
LaCoste, " 21 & 22, (to 11) "
Dunlay, " 23, (10 to 4) "

JOE NEY, Collector.
L. E. HEATH, Assessor.

Chamberlain's Tablets.

Chamberlain's Tablets are intended especially for stomach troubles, biliousness and constipation, and have met with much success in the treatment of those diseases. People who have suffered for years with stomach trouble and have been unable to obtain any permanent relief, have been completely cured by the use of these tablets. Chamberlain's Tablets are also of great value for biliousness. Chronic constipation may be permanently cured by taking Chamberlain's Tablets and observing the plain printed directions with each bottle.

Lacoste Ledger Laconics.

Messrs. H. F. Wurzbach of Cliff, Jno. G. Schuele of Riomedina and Ed. Huehner, the jovial representative of the Hondo Anvil Herald at Castroville, were here on business and pleasure the first of the week.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Bippert a baby boy, Dec. 15, 1917. Mother and child are well and daddy is wearing a large smile.

Messrs. Gus A. Keller, Paul Jungmann and W. A. Luckenbach left on a deer hunt below Hondo the early part of the week.

Prof. W. N. Saathoff, Superintendent of the Public Schools of the County, was here urging Red Cross signatures and contributions, last Monday.

How to Prevent Croup.

In a child that is subject to attacks of croup, the first indication of the disease is hoarseness. Give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy as soon as the child becomes hoarse and the attack may be warded off and all danger and anxiety avoided.

WOMAN WORKER IN ALASKA RAISES FUNDS FOR RELIEF

The American Red Cross has received a remittance and the following letter from a woman in a town in Alaska:

"I am sending you a money order for the amount of \$36.50, to be used for the Red Cross. I collected it from the men on two Tin Dredges here in the summer. I am the onliest white woman here and my nearest Naboer (white woman) are 50 miles from here. I have been here 10 years, without been outside, but tried to do my best to 'do my bit' for our boys in this awful War." I had only two refusals, so consider myself lucky, and a little bit proud. Please let me know when you receive it."

For Eczema, Tetter and Salt Rheum.

The intense itching characteristic of these ailments is almost instantly allayed by Chamberlain's Salve. Many severe cases have been cured by it. For sale by all dealers.

* Sylvia Wernette was here from San Antonio Tuesday.

RED CROSS WORK SAVES SOLDIERS FOR NEXT SPRING

MEN AT FRONT ARE HEARTENED BECAUSE THEIR FAMILIES ARE CARED FOR.

GEN. PERSHING CO-OPERATES

American Leader and Gen. Petain Aid in Relieving Distress, Thereby Keeping up the Morale of the Army.

That the work which the Red Cross is doing in France to alleviate suffering among the families of Frenchmen who are fighting at the front represents a saving of 1,500,000 men is the opinion of William Allen White, noted writer and owner of the Emporia (Kan.) Gazette, who has just returned from France.

"It is not probable that our army in France will get into the fighting to any large extent until next spring. The real war work that should interest the people of America this winter is of an economic rather than of a military character. It will be carried on by the Red Cross in France, its purpose being to relieve needy conditions in the homes of French soldiers who are in winter quarters in the trenches at the front.

Comfort Women and Children. "It is felt by the military officers of both nations that nothing could do more to keep up the morale of the French soldiers during the coming winter than to bring comfort to women and children at home. The soldier's knowledge that his family is being well cared for will take a great load off his mind and hearten him to stand up against privation which otherwise might break his spirit and render him of no physical use.

"Maj. Grayson M. P. Murphy of the Red Cross, Gen. Pershing and Gen. Petain of France are working in unison to perfect the plans for the relief of families of soldiers, the military commanders believing that it will be of the greatest benefit to both armies. It should be kept in mind that every soldier who is saved this winter means the saving of an American boy when the big drive begins next spring. Some American boy will have to take the place of every Frenchman who is killed or who breaks down under the strain.

"This particular relief work means, therefore, that French soldiers will be saved for work in the spring and American lives will be conserved at the same time. Petain is Doing a Great Service. "Gen. Petain is having French officers go right down the lines and ascertain from every soldier whether he has any worries on his mind concerning sickness or want at home. Report will be made to headquarters weekly and not a single case will be overlooked in the immense undertaking. Special attention will be given to the treatment and prevention of tuberculosis, and child welfare work also will be an accompaniment of the general relief. Scattered through France, many of them in soldiers' homes, are some 200,000 refugees from the war zone, and these also will receive attention.

"In short, it is the purpose to keep the spirit of France bright until the military forces are ready to deal their smashing blow against German autocracy. Thus it is I say that the great struggle of the winter will be the economic struggle. The Red Cross practically will fight the American fight until our boys take their places on the firing line next spring."

Stomach Trouble and Constipation.

Those who are afflicted with stomach trouble and constipation should read the following: "I have never found anything so good for stomach trouble and constipation as Chamberlain's Tablets. I have used them off and on for the past two years. They not only regulate the action of the bowels but stimulate the liver and keep one's body in a healthy condition," writes Mrs. Benjamin Hooper, Auburn, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Hugel, and family, of Yellow Banks, visited Mr. and Mrs. Willie Brieden.

State of Ohio, City of Toledo, ss.

Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH CURE.

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Mr. W. S. Brown, R. F. D. No. 4, Box 82, Rogersville, Tennessee, writes:

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Calomel loses you a day! You know what calomel is. It's mercury; quicksilver. Calomel is dangerous. It crashes into sour bile like dynamite, cramping and sickening you. Calomel attacks the bones and should never be put into your system. When you feel bilious, sluggish, constipated and all knocked out and believe you need a dose of dangerous calomel just remember that your

druggist sells for a few cents a bottle of Dodson's Liver Tonic, which is entirely vegetable and pleasant to take and is a perfect substitute for calomel. It is guaranteed to give your liver without stirring up inside, and can not salivate. Don't take calomel! It makes sick the next day; it loses you a day's work. Dodson's Liver Tonic cleans you right up and you feel fine. Give it to the children as

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The Woman's Tonic

Do you feel weak, dizzy, worn-out? Is your lack of good health caused from any of the complaints so common to women? Then why not give Cardui a trial? It should surely do for you what it has done for so many thousands of other women who suffered—it should help you back to health.

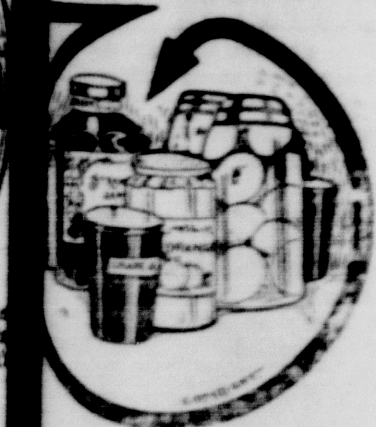
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The Meeting

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THE bosom of Sergeant Lyndham was filled to the brim with disgust and loathing. Nor was this disgust and loathing entirely without reason. Months of wallowing like a pig in the mud of trenches does not sweeten the soul, and when it is combined with endless duties in the cold fall rains of a shell-swept region that is akin to the borders of inferno, the nerves become ragged. Hence had come about the curdling of the milk of human kindness which had previously existed within him.

Nor had a few little midnight surprise parties over the top in which the bayonet had been the principal piece of resistance tended to decrease these assumptions. Even being bowled 20 feet by the concussion of a shell had not cheered him. But it had remained for a while of poison gas and a squirt of liquid fire to set and solidify his mind to its present condition. Alive, dead, or as yet unborn, Sergeant Lyndham was of the fixed opinion that he did not like the Boches.

And the last 24 hours had been particularly obnoxious from the fact that they had been entirely sleepless. The horizon was still lurid with cannon flashes and the uproar remained deafening despite the fact that it was hours after midnight, but he was accustomed to such things, and knew that once asleep, they would not trouble him. Also, for all he knew, he might dream of something pleasant. He was free now for a few hours within his blankets, and was in the act of removing his boots when his captain thrust his head within and motioned for him to come forth. Knowing that something both new and disagreeable confronted him, he arose and stepped out as commanded.

For a quarter of a mile they silently wound their way along a muddy road until the dim lights of a partially shell-riddled house appeared before them. Into this they entered, and the sergeant, casting his eyes about, saw the colonel of his regiment sitting at a table. Saluting he stood at attention.

"Sergeant Lyndham," said the colonel thoughtfully. "A few months ago when you accompanied one of our armies over the line and destroyed a plant of the enemy, you did a very brave and skillful thing. For that act you were made a sergeant. Tonight we must have another duty performed, and I have selected you because of my confidence in your courage and ability. It is very likely that you will not return, yet war demands its sacrifices. Without knowing more of this new duty do you volunteer to try and accomplish it?" It was plain enough now that there would be no rest or sleep for him again this night, and the sergeant's disgust and loathing mounted accordingly. Yet he managed to swallow them.

"Yes, sir," he grunted. The colonel nodded. "You are a brave and willing soldier, sergeant. Were it not for the fact that the regiment contains so many men like you I would sometimes become filled with fear and sadness. Now for the reason I sent for you. You will remember the trenches which run through Tiler's woods, do you not?" "Slightly, colonel. I helped capture them from the Boches at the point of the bayonet."

"And in turn were driven from them by the same amiable gentlemen," Lyndham made a wry face.

"Yes, colonel. But they surprised us most unfairly. It was all very disgusting and made me loathe them."

"I have no doubt. But now listen. We have reason to believe that they have evacuated the position, while it has become important that we regain it. You will follow my reasoning. If the enemy has deserted the ditch we wish to know it, while if he has not, it is equally important that we should know, since we must be advised beforehand what we may expect when we make our advance—whether resistance or unopposed occupancy. Therefore, we are compelled to send someone as a scout to ascertain the conditions."

"And because of the darkness and treachery the almanac are useless?"

"Exactly. Therefore, you will crawl upon your stomach to the wood, going alone the better to escape observation. By working your way flat upon the ground and instantly becoming still should their lights fall upon you, you may be mistaken by them for what you are likely to become—one of the dead men of which you will pass many, if you are lucky. Should you return with this information, well and good; if not, we will be compelled to adopt other means to secure our information. You had best plan to arrive there by the first light of day that you may be able to observe conditions. If you find the trenches empty, you will have to run for it coming back. We will be watching and live see you returning, even though you may not succeed in reaching our lines, we will understand that

you found no one over there. Otherwise, of course, they would not let you come back. You see it is all very simple, sergeant."

"As simple as suicide, colonel." "I can do no more than wish you good luck. However, you will start at once." With another salute Lyndham turned upon his heel and walked away.

Well upon his way, he lay in the darkness on the field between the opposing battle lines. Over his head shells were hurtling, shrieking off into the distance with the wall of banishes. The glare of search bombs threw their ghastly light upon a field still more ghastly. Occasional flights of machine gun bullets swept over him like gusts of cyclone driven hail. He came to a shell crater the size of a cellar, and crept into it. It was half full of mire and the sudden blaze of a rocket revealed horribly torn and bleeding things half submerged in the drainage water of the hole. Filled with unutterable repugnance he abided his time, and in a moment of pitch darkness clambered over the edge and resumed his snakelike crawl through the muck.

He reached the wood, found the maze of entanglements, and making a breach with his wire-cutter, crawled to the edge of the excavation, peered and listened. No sound came from the blackness below, and he slid over the top. Silently he sat until the first faint light of morning came peeping down through the foliage, then cautiously he began his advance. Around the turns he zigzagged his way in the gathering light, revolver in hand, seeing nothing but the grewsome evidence of the strife that had raged about him. Then he made another sharp turn; he stopped suddenly. Before him, sitting with his back against the wall, was a German, who held a revolver leveled at his breast. Swiftly Lyndham's glance swept the other.

Above the unshaven beard of the one who confronted him the cheeks were the sickly color of death, yellow with the unwholesome color of a mushroom. Mud coated him as an envelope from head to toe, and down his breast a small red trickle was creeping. Slowly the bearded lips parted as words bitter with hate fell from them.

"Ach! You have come again, have you, abominable Englishers! But you return to an empty victory, since we have withdrawn our force to a more desirable place. You may have this abandoned sty in welcome, but first you I shall kill."

Lyndham thought rapidly. Though he had a revolver in his hand, his hand hung at this side, while the muzzle of

the other man's weapon was full upon his breast. Into the eyes of his foe he saw leap the deadly glare of hatred as the grimy hands tightened about the butt as the finger prepared to press the trigger. Sergeant Lyndham had more than half expected to be killed before the war was over, but he never pictured his end as coming like this—at the hand of one who was already little better than a dead man. Yet what was to be would be, and in what he believed to be his last moment upon earth a thought flashed across his mind. For the first time throughout the black night he had just passed he remembered what day this was, and



"A Merry Christmas to You, Fritz," He Grinned.

the sardonic humor of the thing filled him. "Shoot. And a merry Christmas to you, Fritz," he grinned.

Slowly the fingers of the other relaxed. His eyes softened, and a deep sigh came from the heaving chest. The bloodless lips opened again.

"Himmel! And so it is Christmas morning! I had forgotten." The hand sank to the ground and the head fell forward. Very faintly the voice was arising.

"Peace on earth and good will to man." What good that I should shoot you, when many more are doubtless at your back—and none of mine? These trenches you have regained—for the time being. Five minutes more and I shall be dead. I die—it is the holiest hour of a man's life as this is the holiest day. Nein. I will kill no more." His face raised, and a faint smile lighted it. "Merry Christmas, Englisher."

SCHOOL CHILDREN TO AID IN WORK OF RED CROSS

Organization of the Junior Red Cross among public school children throughout the United States has been warmly approved by President Wilson, in a letter to Dr. H. N. MacCracken, president of Vassar college, who is in charge of the organization of the new Junior Membership Board. The campaign for members is being carried on in connection with the Christmas membership drive.

YOUNGEST BIG BANK PRESIDENT HEADS RED CROSS DRIVE

JOHN L. JOHNSTON OF GERMAN SAVINGS INSTITUTION IS SOUTHWEST CHAIRMAN.

WILL GO "OVER THE TOP"

Predicts That His Division Will Exceed Its Quota in Nation-Wide Drive by 1,000,000 Members.

A bank clerk at 15 years of age, a cashier and director at 19 and president of the German Savings Institution of St. Louis, the second oldest bank in the state of Missouri, at 30.

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JOHN L. JOHNSTON.

Cross Christmas membership drive for 2,000,000 additional members in the Southwestern division, comprising the states of Missouri, Kansas, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas, which will be launched Monday, Dec. 17, continuing until Christmas eve.

Johnston, who is applying the same principles to the formation of a gigantic organization for the Christmas membership campaign as those that won for him unprecedented success in the banking world, predicts the five states in his division will pass its allotment by at least 1,000,000 members.

Spurred by his own enthusiasm over the wonderful work which the American Red Cross is accomplishing for Uncle Sam's fighting force, both at home and abroad, Johnston's co-workers are bending every energy to insure a successful opening of the big drive the morning of Monday, Dec. 17. It is expected 50,000 persons will be enlisted in the solicitation of members when the campaign is formally launched.

"If you don't belong to the Red Cross you help prolong the suffering of our soldiers 'over there.'" This is the cardinal idea that Johnston hopes to have brought home forcibly to every household in the Southwest between now and Christmas eve, when Red Cross workers and their latest converts, in many communities, will chant carols in the streets as a fitting climax to the movement which will cover the length and breadth of America.

"Over the top by one million," is the slogan of the youngest metropolitan bank president in the United States, and the manner in which Johnston is whipping into shape preliminaries of the campaign augurs well for its success.

Born in Louisville, Ky., in 1886, Johnston received his first banking experience, when he was 15 years old, by working as a clerk in the Bass-Johnston Banking Company at Ashland, Mo. He continued to work in the bank during the summers until, in 1905, he was elected cashier and a director, at which time he was still not of age.

In 1907 he went to Muskogee, Ok., where he became vice-president of the First National Bank of that city. In 1910 Johnston left Muskogee and became one of the organizers of the National Reserve Bank of Kansas City, which he served as cashier and director for five years. In February, 1915, he went to St. Louis as vice-president and a director of the German Savings Institution of that city. Oct. 28, last year, he was elected president of that institution, which has shown largely increased surplus and deposits under his direction.

Any man of ordinary ability can succeed if he sets his mind hard to it, this is Johnston's rule for success.

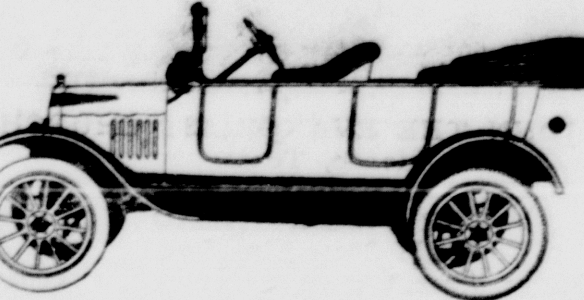
Membership in the Red Cross is synonymous with good citizenship. Are you a member of the Red Cross? If not you will join now, or at latest during the Christmas membership campaign, which begins Dec. 17—that is, you will join if you are a good citizen of the United States. The cost is only \$1.

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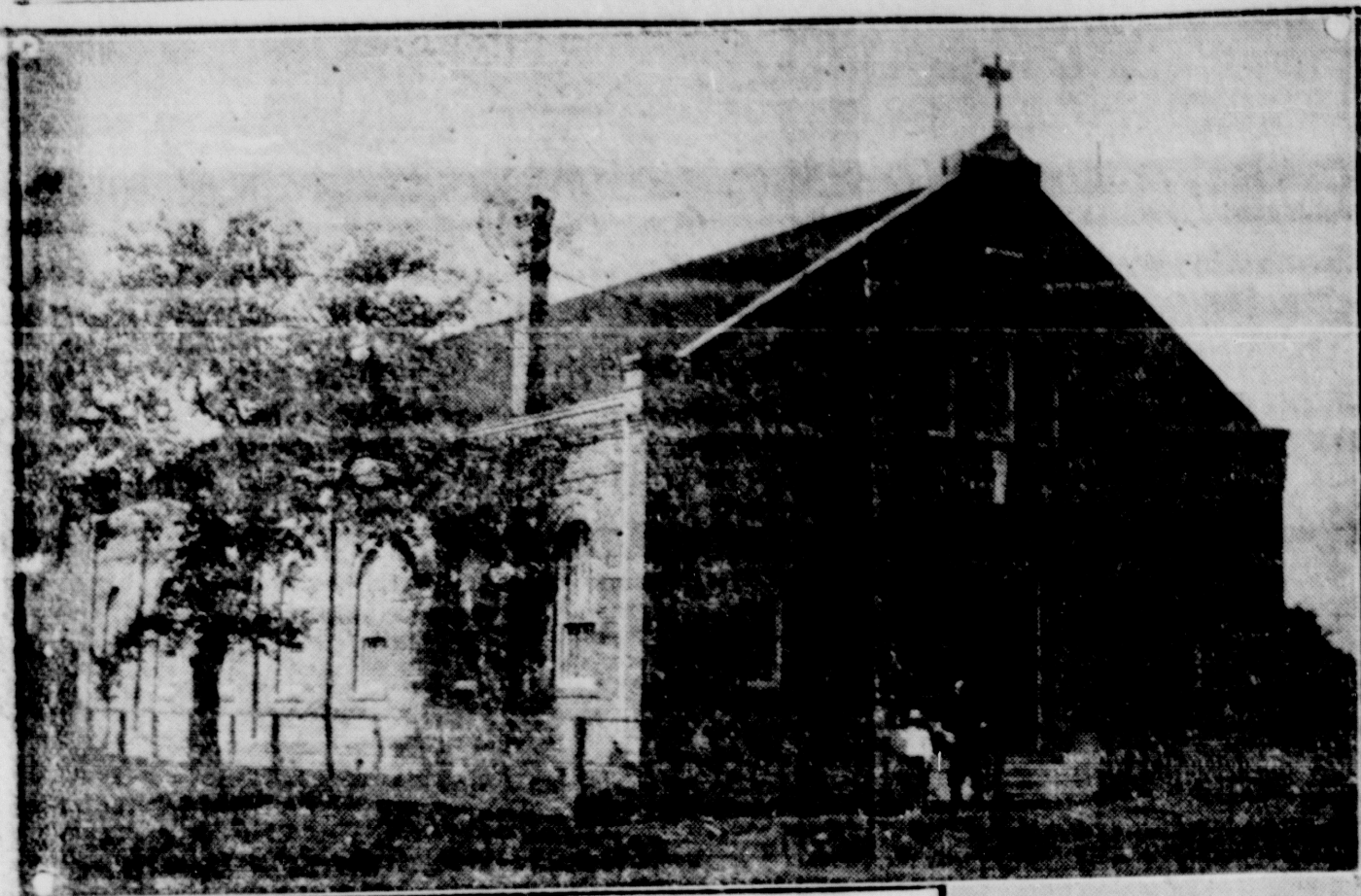
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Hondo, Texas.

OUR VISIBLE HEAD

His Holiness The Pope

Bishop of Rome, Successor of St. Peter, Supreme Pontiff of the Universal Church.

Benedict XV.

(James Della Chiesa)

The 258th Successor of St. Peter was born at Genoa, Italy, Nov. 21, 1854; ordained Priest Dec. 21, 1878; consecrated Archbishop of Bologna Dec. 22, 1907; made Cardinal May 25, 1914; elected Pope Sept. 3, 1914 and crowned Sept. 6.

Our Bishop.

Right Rev. John W. Shaw, D. D.

Born at Mobile, Ala.; ordained Priest May 26, 1888; consecrated Coadjutor Bishop of San Antonio, Texas, April 14, 1910; succeeded to Rt. Rev. Bishop Forest, on March 11, 1911.

Our Pastor.

Rev. Francis Pallanche.

Ordained at Baltimore, Md., June 21, 1911, by His Rev. Cardinal Gibbons; appointed Pastor of Hondo, Texas, Jan. 11, 1917.

Reverend John J. Myers
1878-1916

Rev. John Joseph Myers, the late Rector of the Parish of St. John the Evangelist, Hondo, Texas, was born at Cashel Co., Tipperary, Ireland, May 14, 1878. He completed his classical studies in his native country at Mt. Malory College. On account of ill health, he came to the United States, and in the fall of 1897, took up the study of Philosophy and Theology. On Dec. 21, 1902, he was raised to the Priesthood at Kenrick Seminary, St. Louis, Mo., by Archbishop J. Kain, and on the following Christmas Day, celebrated his first Holy Mass. Being affiliated to the Diocese of St. Joseph, Mo., he was appointed Assistant in that City, but his health, failing again, obliged him to seek relief at Niagara Falls, Denver and St. Luis Potosi, Mex., where he later took charge of the American Catholic Colony. Father Myers came to Texas in 1909, and became Assistant at D'Hannis with the special charge of the Hondo Mission. After the erection of the new Church, he was appointed resident Pastor of Hondo, in May, 1912.

During his pastorate, he endeared himself to the entire community, and the parish made considerable progress. He celebrated the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for the last time on Christmas, 1916, the 15th Anniv. of his first Mass. He passed away on Dec. 30, 1916, strengthened by the Sacrament of the Church. The burial took place on Dec. 31, 1916, in the midst of a great concourse of people. Right Rev. Bishop Shaw, and a large number of the clergy came to pay their last respect to the deceased Pastor. His remains are in the new Cath. Cemetery.

SERVICES

Sundays—

7:30; Holy Communion;

9:30; High Mass and Sermon;

10:45; Sunday School;

7:30; p. m., Rosary (occasional Sermon) and Benediction.

During Summer, from May 1 to Sept. 15, Holy Mass is at 9 a. m.

Week-days—

7:30 a. m., Holy Mass every morning.

Holydays—

Mass at 8 o'clock a. m.

Special Services are held on the first Fridays of each month, during Lent and the months of May, June and October.

Confessions: Saturdays and eves of Holydays from 4 to 6 p. m. Every morning before Mass.

Visitors and Non-Catholics are welcome at all our Services.

MEXICAN CHURCH

Services are held at the Mexican Church as follows:

Sundays: 10:45 Holy Mass and Spanish Sermon; 4:00 p. m., Sunday School.

In Lent: Every Thursday, Mass at 8 a. m. and evening services at 7:30.

On 12th of every month, Mass is celebrated at 8 a. m.

PARISH SOCIETIES

Holy Name Society.

President, Mr. Chas. Filleman;

Secretary, Ed. Nay;

Treasurer, John M. Finger.

The Society meets on the 1st Sunday of the month.

Altar Society.

President, Mrs. S. A. Jungman.

Secretary, Mrs. Chas. Schuchle;

Treasurer, Mrs. J. M. Finger.

The Society meets on the 2nd Sunday of the month.

Sodality of the Blessed Virgin.

Officers—

Prefect, Miss Mary Kempf;

Secretary, Miss Dora Filleman;

Treasurer, Miss Corinne Ney.

Meeting on the 3rd Sunday of the month.

Catholic Cemetery Association.

Platinum in Spain.

A preliminary investigation of the platinum deposits in the mountainous region of Southern Spain known as the Serrania de Ronda, begun in 1915, has recently been completed and the results have been published by the Geological Institute, in Madrid. It is stated that the area of the platinumiferous zone is undoubtedly very large, there being 12 or 14 wide rivers with extensive beds of platinumiferous material. These could be dredged for platinum gravel for many years, if it is proved that the average platinum content of the gravel is sufficient to warrant the working. Some very rich zones were found. The Spanish government has now undertaken an exhaustive investigation of the region.—Scientific American.

Explosive Workers.

The explosive worker is a strenuous worker whose intense preoccupation is with accomplishing perfectly that predetermined end in which his interest is centered. He works with intelligent personal intention driven by the explosive energy of his purpose. If he is driving rivets, he is driving them so that they will accomplish the object intended. Working explosively is human purpose expressing itself through inanimate material; it is not the function of an unburied efficient human machine striking so many well-directed blows in a definite time.—William H. Smyth, in Industrial Magazine.

Valuable Papers Imperiled.

The scarcity of paper in England and the consequent demand for waste paper has created the danger that valuable documents may at times be inadvertently destroyed. An example of this occurred in connection with the Carmarthenshire Antiquarian society. A document rescued on its way to the pulping press proved to be an indenture of 1649, bearing the autograph signatures of no less than five mayors of Carmarthen.



Rev. Myers, deceased.

President, Mrs. Ed. De Montel;

Treasurer and Secretary, Mrs. L. J. Brucks.

The Altar Boys Sodality is made up of the boys who serve at the Altar.

1917

Baptisms.

Edward Fohn; Frances Ethel Sauter; Ralph Joseph Noonan; Bertha Jearline Ney; Evelyn Lucile Mann; Ira Roy Koch; Lola Marie Ryle (Tarpley); Frances Elizabeth Haegelin; Jacob Earnest Walker (Austin); Irvin Ambrose Zimmerman; Joseph Francis Brown (Natalia); Harold Hugo Huesser; Henry Wesley Bendele; Miss Ella Gertrude Vollmering; August W. Haass (Biry); Mary Emma Finger; Charles John Schuchle; Robert James Zerr; Thelma S. Bendele; Adeline Marie Krenmueller (Dunlay); Clinton Charles Jagge; Earline Mary Batot.

Unless a man (any one) be born of water and the Holy Ghost, he cannot enter into the Kingdom of Heaven.—S. John III, 5.

Marriages.

The following were united in the holy bonds of Matrimony:

Robert A. Koch and Nettie L. Pichot;
Adolph J. Graff and Paulina A. Mann;
Martin Schmidt and Ella Eichhorn (Biry).

Deaths.

Naeglin, Emil, 18 yrs. 9 mo. old, died Feb. 1.
Naeglin, Joseph, 58 yrs. old, died Feb. 2.
Naeglin, Paul, 22 yrs. old, died Feb. 3.
Naeglin, Hilda, 24 yrs. old, died Feb. 14.
Ney, Henry, age 50 yrs. 9 mo., died on August 17, 1917.
It is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead. II Mach. XII, 6.

THE CATHOLIC HOME.

Home is one of the sacred places on earth for therein dwells a trinity of persons upon whom depends the future welfare of mankind; the father, mother and children.

For the sake of the children who are our future men and women, it should be an abode of inspirations and training in Christian virtues assuring a virtuous citizenship.

In the Catholic home there is a perfect unity of faith and aspirations as well as a unity of interest in this world's goods. For the little ones, there are means of instruction in the knowledge of God and their duties to Him; Crucifix pictures and the lessons of a good mother. There are good books, among which the Holy Bible has a place of honor. Prayers and especially night prayers are recited in common.

The Holy Family composed of Jesus, Joseph and Mary at Nazareth, where the Savior of the world was "subject to them" is the model of the Catholic Home.

Any one who may desire to be instructed in the Catholic Faith or who may wish to ask any question about the teaching or practices of the Catholic Church, is cordially invited to call on the Pastor at the Rectory at any time.

Respectfully,

FRANCIS PALLANCHE,

St. John's the Ev. Church,

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The Quinine That Does Not Affect the Head
Because of its tonic and laxative effect, LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE is better than ordinary Quinine and does not cause nervousness nor ringing in head. Remember the full name and look for the signature of E. W. GROVE. 30c.

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Remember, the Anvil Herald wants a correspondent from every neighborhood in the county. Send in the neighborhood happenings. Your communication in many instances would be as much appreciated as a personal letter by your friends in other parts of the county.

Bethlehem Spark Plugs cost no more and are guaranteed for life of your car. City Garage.

THE STATE OF TEXAS.

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Medina County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once each week for a period of ten days before the return day hereof, in a newspaper of general circulation, which has been continuously and regularly published for a period of not less than one year in said Medina County, a copy of the following notice:

THE STATE OF TEXAS.

To all persons interested in the Estate of M. J. Styles, a feme sole, deceased, No. 861. Edgar M. Littleton, has filed in the County Court of Medina County, an application for the Probate of the last Will and Testament of said M. J. Styles, Deceased, filed with said application, and for Letters Testamentary of the Estate of M. J. Styles, deceased, which will be heard at the next term of said Court, commencing on the first Monday in January, A. D. 1918, the same being the 7th day of January, A. D. 1918, at the Court House thereof, in Hondo, Texas, at which time all persons interested in said Estate may appear and contest said application, should they desire to do so.

Herein Fail Not, but have you before said Court on the said first day of the next term thereof this Writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at office in Hondo, Texas, this 18th day of December, A. D. 1917.

S. A. JUNGMAN, Clerk,
County Court, Medina County, Texas.

THE STATE OF TEXAS.

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Medina County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once each week for a period of ten days before the return day hereof, in a newspaper of general circulation, which has been continuously and regularly published for a period of not less than one year in said Medina County, a copy of the following notice:

THE STATE OF TEXAS.

To all persons interested in the Estate of Max Moebius, Deceased, No. 861. August Schuchle has filed in the County Court of Medina County an application for Letters of Administration upon the Estate of said Max Moebius, Deceased, with the will annexed, and for the probate of the last will and Testament of said Max Moebius, deceased, which will be heard at the next term of said Court, commencing on the first Monday in January, A. D. 1918, the same being the 7th day of January, A. D. 1918, at the Court House thereof, in Hondo, Texas, at which time all persons interested in said Estate may appear and contest said application, should they desire to do so.

Herein Fail Not, but have you before said Court on the said first day of the next term thereof this Writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court at office in Hondo, Texas, this 20th day of December, A. D. 1917.

S. A. JUNGMAN, Clerk,
County Court, Medina County, Texas.

THE STATE OF TEXAS

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Medina County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once each week for a period of ten days before the return day hereof, in a newspaper of general circulation, which has been continuously and regularly published for a period of not less than one year in said Medina County, a copy of the following notice:

THE STATE OF TEXAS

To all Persons Interested in the Estate of Mrs. Mathilda Buss, Deceased:

John Buss, surviving husband, has filed in the County Court of Medina County, an application for the Probate of the last Will and Testament of said Mrs. Mathilda Buss, deceased, filed with said application, and for Letters Testamentary of the Estate of Mathilda Buss, deceased, which will be heard at the next term of said Court, commencing on the 1st Monday in January, A. D. 1918, the same being the 7th day of January, A. D. 1918, at the Court House thereof, in Hondo, Medina County, Texas, at which time all persons interested in said Estate may appear and contest said application, should they desire to do so.

Herein Fail Not, but have you before said Court on the said first day of the next term thereof this Writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at office in Hondo, Texas, this 27th day of December, A. D. 1917.

[L. S.] S. A. JUNGMAN,
Clerk, County Court, Medina County, Texas.

Museum Like Indian Mission.

The new museum in Santa Fe, N. M., which is being constructed under the auspices of the School of American Archeology at a cost of \$100,000, is a fine example of the results of a movement in the Southwest to preserve as far as possible in new buildings, the distinctive features of the Indian architecture of the region.

The new structure is an enlarged replica, in reinforced concrete, of the brick and stucco New Mexican state building at the San Diego fair. It combines the picturesque characteristics of several famous missions reproducing the balustraded recesses of one, the facade of another, and so on. It bears special resemblance to the ancient Spanish mission church at the pueblo of Acoma, N. M.—a massive building of stone, timber and stucco, having walls ten feet thick in some places. The museum will serve as a state civic center as well as an appropriate shelter for rare archeological collections.—Popular Mechanics Magazine.

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TEN MILLION GOAL OF BIG DRIVE
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BOY SCOUTS TO JOIN WORK

Merchants in Country Districts
Make Campaign in Automobiles
to Win Support for the
Army's Right Hand.

"Make Red Cross membership universal as citizenship," is the slogan of the Christmas membership campaign committee of the American Red Cross for the Southwestern division, comprising the states of Missouri, Arkansas, Texas, Kansas and Oklahoma. From the enthusiasm which the preliminaries of the drive which opens Monday, Dec. 17, continuing until Christmas eve, are producing, officials at Washington expect original figures of 10,000,000 new members to be doubled.

In fact, if there are only 10,000,000 new members added to the 5,000,000 already enrolled officials will be disappointed, according to a message received at Southwestern division headquarters from Harvey D. Gibson, general manager of the American Red Cross. In Gibson's letter he said officials would not be surprised to see the total membership for the nation on Christmas eve reach a total of 25,000,000.

According to John L. Johnston, chairman of the campaign of the Southwestern division, the drive in many counties already is in way, especially in the rural districts, 3,000,000 Members Wanted.

The Southwestern division, under the original quota of 10,000,000 members, is allotted 2,000,000, but Chairman Johnston predicts his division will pass this figure by 1,000,000, apportioned as follows: Missouri, 700,000; Arkansas, 250,000; Texas, 1,000,000; Kansas, 500,000; Oklahoma, 500,000.

Already the headquarters of the Southwestern division membership committee has begun to assume the aspect of a military headquarters. From counties in the division where the Red Cross armies already are "gone over the top" in the big drive messages are arriving reporting progress and asking for supplies.

From counties where the intensive campaign has not begun, but where committees are making detailed plans for their drive, the requests, both letter and telegram, for supplies, circulars, posters and general information are even more numerous. An extra corps of stenographers is busy forwarding information, instructions and sending telegrams and letters.

The storeroom at division headquarters carries the similarity to a military base even further. Every day and express delivery brings parcels and boxes of supplies from Washington, circulars, posters, handbills and window cards, the ammunition to be used in the big drive.

What Service Flag Is.

One of the most striking emblems of the campaign is a transparent window card, designed as a service flag. A large Red Cross on a white background is the central figure. Smaller for each additional member of a family who becomes a member of Red Cross can be added to the flag. One of these card service flags will be placed in the window of every home where a membership is obtained. Christmas eve is planned to have lighted candle placed behind the flags. If the canvass equals the predictions of Red Cross leaders it will not be a home in the division Christmas eve that does not have one of these flags in the window.

Boy Scouts Are to Join.

Boy Scouts are being organized to gain memberships. School progress signaling the coming of the holiday will have an appeal for the Red Cross. The work of the children, Red Cross workers feel, will be an important factor in the success of the membership drive.

In country districts merchants' wide acquaintance among farmers, devoting their time, or have promised to do so, making auto trips through the country, stopping at every home and urging every member of the family to take out a Red Cross membership.

In some cities a census is taken of every block, number of houses and apartments in the block registered. The squad assigned to a particular block is given a number of service flag cards equal in number to the number of families in the territory. Every flag a window leaves in a window is counted victory on his score. Every flag brings back is chalked up as a new membership. In other cities merchants promised the assistance of their shops during days of Christmas shopping. Every purchaser will be urged to include a Christmas membership in the gifts for husband, wife, or sister, parent or child.